



## ANN LANDERS

### Funny You Should

Dear Ann Landers: That letter from Mervyn, the big sport who won a trip to London as first prize in a sales contest made me laugh. It seems his girl was disappointed when he brought her a clump of dirt from the British Airport and called it a "gift."

I laughed, Ann, because it reminded me of a little game we used to play when we were kids. It's too bad the girl didn't know about the game because it would have been an appropriate way to thank Mervyn for his "generosity."

When a new kid moved into our neighborhood we would welcome him warmly and offer to tell his fortune. The fortune teller would wrap a dish towel around his head and use an old bowl as the crystal ball. The newcomer would extend his hand and the fortune teller would put a clump of dirt in his palm and say, "You are going to inherit a valuable piece of real estate. It is a beautiful lot in the best part of town. You will build a 15-room house on the lot. It will be the prettiest home in the city." Then the fortune teller would reach under his chair where he had a small glass of water handy and pour a little water into the newcomer's hand—enough to make a nice muddy mess and say, "I see you are also going to have a swimming pool. Aren't you the lucky one!"

This was considered the best way to test a newcomer. If he laughed and took it well he was accepted as O.K. Thanks for bringing back a

—EX FORTUNE TELLER

Dear Ez: Funny you have brought up that little game. Someone tried it on me when I was eight. I remember clearly that I thanked the fortune teller profusely and paid him for his reading by insisting that he share my real estate and swimming pool. He got half of it back—right in the kisser.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband's brother and his wife are creating a serious problem in our family and I need your help. They drive a very old car and it always has something wrong with it. Our car is not new but it is in excellent condition because we keep it that way.

At least twice a week they ask if they can borrow our car. My brother-in-law is a poor driver and has been in several minor accidents. Yesterday he returned our car with a broken tail light, an empty gas tank and a mysterious dent in the fender. Yet my husband insists we must let them take our car whenever they ask. He says he would never forgive himself if they were killed because the brakes konked out on their car or a tire blew. He claims we would be directly responsible. Also, he says he does not want them to be mad at us.

I would like to hear your views.

—MARRIED TO A CHUMP

Dear Married: In a situation like this, somebody is bound to be mad. Let it be them.

If your brother-in-law is such a ding-a-ling that he would drive a beat up pile of junk with faulty brakes, whatever happens is HIS responsibility.

When you lend your car to a friend in an emergency you are a "nice guy," but when you lend it to a relative who doesn't have the decency to return it with some gas in the tank, you are a chump.

Confidential to Disappointed in You: Sorry, you said you wanted my opinion and I gave it. What you really wanted was someone to back you up. I couldn't do it because I don't believe in emotional blackmail.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Box 4002, Kalamazoo-Michigan 49001

# Coast Guard Units Enter Parade

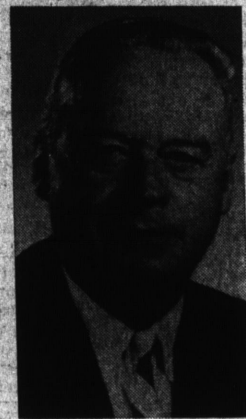
## Marching Units To Join Annual Patriotic Event

Crowding on the appearance of the Coast Guard in the forthcoming ninth annual Armed Forces Day celebration in Torrance May 17 and 18 is their busy season of search and rescue.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Guardsmen can anticipate about 800 distress calls from seagoers from the biggest concentration of marina centers in the nation—

stretching from Point Dume to the north to Oceanside in the south. More than 9,000 small craft are berthed at the Newport-Balboa Bay harbor alone, not counting trailer-hauled and launched boats.

To see how the Coast Guard prepares for the nation's largest civic-sponsored Armed Forces Day program here, and to inspect their readiness for the coming civilians-aft summer season, Darcy Jo Barcroft, 19-year-old Torrance princess and El Camino College coed, traveled to the Corona Del Mar Coast Guard Station on a foggy afternoon.



W. H. CULLEN  
Consul to Speak

### Consulate Official To Speak

W. H. Cullen, Canadian Consul General in Los Angeles, will address members of the Kiwanis Club of Torrance Monday, April 29, according to Dr. Philip M. Haloran, chairman of the club's International Relations Committee.

The appearance of the Canadian Consul General will mark the club's celebration of Canada-United States Goodwill Week.

Cullen will speak on the subject, "The Invisible Border." His speech is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. at the Palms Restaurant, 1925 W. Carson St.

Cullen was born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada and has been a member of the Canadian Department of External Affairs for more than 30 years.

He assumed his post as Consul General in Los Angeles in July, 1965. He previously served in the San Francisco Consulate and in the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., as well as in departmental headquarters in Ottawa.

Cullen is married and has two teenage daughters.

Ted Meier will be program chairman for the evening.

SHE VISITED with the 22-man complement assigned to the station and their two cutters, the 95-foot Cape Higgon and the 82-foot Point Divide, under the command of Lt. Ron Blendu. He pointed out that, like a land based fire station, the cutters and crews are ready to roll 24 hours a day to stricken pleasure or fishing craft or to a downed airplane.

Miss Barcroft watched as the radio of the Cape Higgon persistently sought contact with an already reported overdue boat somewhere in the afternoon's off-shore fog. She was told most distress calls are for lost or swamped craft, out-of-gas boats, or those with engine failures.

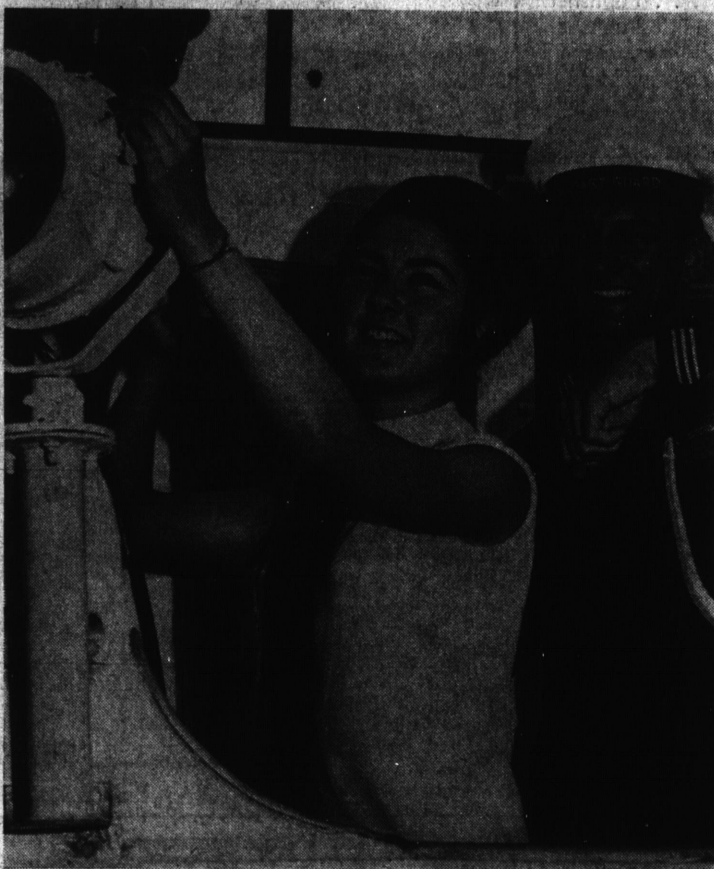
Once a week the year-around, patrols are made of the Channel Islands with a look-out kept for marooned fishermen, illegal abalone boats, seal poachers, and menaces to navigation. During the summer a daily safety patrol is maintained from mid-morning to sundown.

TO COVER the sailing activities emerging from the huge marinas in the Los Angeles-Orange County coastal waters, the 11th Coast Guard District, headquartered in Long Beach, operates cutters from stations at Corona Del Mar, San Pedro, and Marina Del Rey. They are backed-up by especially equipped Sikorsky HH52A helicopters based at the Los Angeles International Airport.

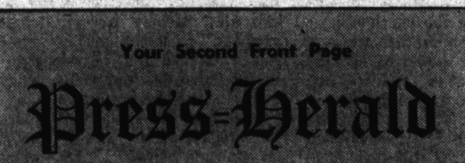
The Guardsmen are preparing for their biggest participation yet in the huge Armed Forces Day weekend here. Their crack marching band from Alameda will compete for best military music honors. Also entered is the 11th District's Color Guard and Marching Units from regular and reserve forces. One of the Coast Guard's turbo-jet HH52A copters will be on display at the exhibit area in the Torrance Civic Center.



ACCEPT AWARD... Held L. Bundy (left), co-publisher and editor of the Press-Herald, accepts an "outstanding service" award from the United Crusade on behalf of the newspaper, Robert Sprague, 1968 campaign chairman, made the presentation. The Press-Herald was honored for its exceptional coverage of the 1967 United Way-American Red Cross fund drive in the area.



SIGNAL ASHORE... Darcy Jo Barcroft, 19-year-old Torrance princess, gets some help from Bob Lankar, EM3, of St. Petersburg, Fla., in signalling the coming of the ninth annual Armed Forces Day parade and celebration, scheduled here May 17 and 18. Miss Barcroft visited the Coast Guard Cutter Cape Higgon to welcome Coast Guard units which will participate in the huge parade. (Photo by John Hales)



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1968

C-1

### COUNT MARCO

## Just Throw the Food on a Table

If you are an American woman who has set yourself up as the head of the house, then you have the responsibility of insisting that, at least once a week, the whole family stay seated at the dining table through the entire meal.

By being charming yourself, you can teach charm to your children and your husband. Pretend that your family is the family of your husband's employer—and entertain them accordingly.

Why this should be necessary I have never been able to understand, but families in this country always seem to be much nicer to outsiders than they are to the immediate members of their own family.

If you prefer a family of ill-bred bores, if you want to live with a man who thinks a meal is something primarily to shovel into his mouth before the next Western comes on TV, then just throw the food onto the table any old way and forget it.

Young American women have become so self-sufficient that you couldn't depend on anything or anyone. But, as my good friend the Baroness Carbonelli says, "One is never too young to learn the technique of dependency, nor is one ever too old."

And there lies the secret of women who would be queens, whether on a throne or in their own modest homes. The technique of dependency. Women of nobility or royal houses know better than to flaunt, and, by knowing, develop a technique far more successful.

If you would be a Royal

### Stamp Auction

A membership auction is planned for the next meeting of the Torrance Stamp Club when the group meets Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Scott Park Community Building, 23410 Catskill Ave., Wilmington. Any stamp collector may attend the meeting.

## Western Will Be Widened

Groundbreaking ceremonies signaling the start of construction on the widening of Western Avenue in the Lomita-Palos Verdes Peninsula area were held Monday.

County Supervisor Burton W. Chace, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, City Councilman John Gibson of Los Angeles, and other dignitaries officiated at the ceremonies.

Supervisors recently awarded a \$263,674 contract for the widening and improvement of Western, between Palos Verdes Drive North and Redondela Drive.

"Work on this three-quarter mile section of Western will include reconstruction, repaving, widening, curbs and a median divider," Chace said. "Left turn channels also are planned."

In addition, a traffic signal system will be improved at the Western-P.V. Drive North intersection.

## Librarian To Waive Book Fines

No fines will be charged for any Los Angeles County book checked out from the Isabel Henderson branch library if the volume is returned on or before April 21, according to Russell West, city librarian.

The new Torrance Municipal Library System is in the process of taking over from the county system. The Isabel Henderson Branch reopened Monday, becoming the first local library to be converted to the city system.

The El Retiro Branch, 126 Vista del Parque, will be converted next. The library will close April 27 for the change-over and reopen May 13.

Official takeover date for the new city library system is July 1. Those holding county library cards may continue to use them until June 30 at any of the five branches in Torrance.

## Problem Computed By Senior

Jeff Palmer, West High School senior, working on an independent study program, has developed a method of computing the distance between two parallel lines.

The project was submitted to Dr. Paul White, chairman of the department of mathematics at the University of Southern California.

Dr. White forwarded a letter of congratulation to Jeff stating that while the results of this method is taught to university students, it was encouraging to find students challenged enough to work out such projects on their own.

### PROFILE: JERRY HAY

## Selling Torrance Major Job of Leasing Manager

Jerry Hay likes his job. And his job is "selling" Torrance—selling the area's many advantages to prospective tenants of the towering Del Amo Financial Center.

As a marketing manager at Great Lakes Realty Corp., Hay takes responsibility for leasing the thousands of square feet of office space at the center. But it's no desk job!

The young marketing executive has made it his business to seek clients throughout the greater Los Angeles area, luring them to Torrance with the facts about the city's population, shopping districts, airport and neighborhoods.

Hay credits the city with much of his success in marketing the center. "A beautiful building alone won't bring in new tenants," he exclaimed.

Spontaneously extolling the virtues of the center complex, Hay beams when he recalls how "they said it couldn't be done." Clump all these banks and financial services together? It won't work, advisors told company investors. They'll all drive each other out of business, the skeptics insisted.

Nothing could be further from the truth, Hay related. "Our tenants are doing exceptionally well," he emphasized, pointing out that some tenants had done two or three times as much business as they had anticipated.

The leasing business is nothing new to Hay. Before his two years here in Torrance, the one-time racing



JERRY HAY

enthusiast was project manager at the Union Bank Square in Orange. He also served as leasing manager for the Oak Cliff Bank Tower in Dallas for four years.

Originally setting his sights on a career in the foreign service, Hay took his degree in political science and history at San Diego State College. A scholarship sent him on to graduate work at the Sorbonne in Paris.

After a two-year stint in the Army, however, Hay decided to enter the business world, first becoming a sales representative. Selling is only one of an odd assortment of jobs Hay could honestly list

on his resume. In college, he taught water skiing, hashed in a fraternity house, served as a delivery boy, and even drove an ambulance one summer.

With an eye to the future, Hay gears his leisure-time activities toward career advancement. He enthusiastically recommends the reading dynamics class he recently completed, noting that his reading speed jumped to 2,800 words a minute through the course.

Hay is also an active member of the Rolling Hills Toastmasters Club, serving as educational vice-president. He has won many trophies and awards for his oratory skills.

Rotary, the Inter-City Highway Committee, and the Republican Party and other affiliations.

A natural athlete, Hay leaps out of bed before dawn on Tuesdays and Thursdays to put in an hour of tennis before going to work. He also goes in for water and snow skiing, and raced cars as a hobby in college. Racing proved too dangerous, however, landing him in the hospital for a three-week vacation at one point.

Sandwiched in among all his other activities is participation in the Greater Los Angeles Big Brothers Association. Through the program, Hay has taken a fatherless boy under his wing, sharing leisure hours with the youngster in typical father-son activities.